In re Application of

DIDIER VASSEUR

Application No.: 10/656,435

Filed: September 5, 2003

For: Rubber Composition For A Tire Tread

Docket No. 03161.001316

Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy

Group Art Unit: 1713

Date: December 13, 2006

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS	***	=	x \$100 \$200		
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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows. A Request for Continued Examination was filed on August 9, 2006, along with a Request for Suspension of Action. The claim amendments are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 6.

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